

**DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY (020)**

NORTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT AND INVESTMENT OFFICE

TEACHERS' FUND FOR RETIREMENT DIVISION

SFN 10341 (2-01)

**Please see reverse side for instructions and important information on naming a beneficiary(ies) and death benefits available.** In compliance with the Federal Privacy Act of 1974, the disclosure of the individual's social security number on this form is mandatory pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 3402. The individual's social security number is used for tax reporting and as an identification number.

Name (First, Middle, Last)		Social Security Number	Sex	Birthdate
Mailing Address (Street or Box)		City	State	Zip Code
Married <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/>	Maiden Name	Work Phone Number	Home Phone Number	
Name of Spouse (First, Middle, Last)			Spouse Social Security Number	

Primary Beneficiary(ies)	Relationship	Social Security Number	Date of Birth	% Share	Address
Total must equal				100%	

Contingent Beneficiary (ies) (Optional)	Relationship	Social Security Number	Date of Birth	% Share	Address
Total must equal				100%	

**SPOUSAL CONSENT**

**If you are married, and designate a beneficiary other than your spouse, your spouse must consent in writing to the alternate beneficiary (NDCC 15-39.1-04).**

I have read and understand the death benefit information on the reverse side. I consent to the above named beneficiary(ies) designated by the above named TFFR member.

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Signature of Spouse

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Date**MEMBER'S SIGNATURE**

I have read and understand the death benefit information on the reverse side. I designate the above named beneficiary(ies) to my TFFR account.

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Signature of Member

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Date**RETURN TO:**

ND Retirement and Investment Office  
1930 Burnt Boat Drive  
P.O. Box 7100  
Bismarck, ND 58507-7100  
Telephone: 701-328-9885  
Toll free: 800-952-2970  
Fax: 701-328-9897  
[www.discovernd.com/rio](http://www.discovernd.com/rio)

This form is available in an alternate format upon request.

White - RIO

Yellow - Member

**Instructions for Completing Designation of Beneficiary Form:**

Please complete each section of this form (unless not required). If you need additional space to name multiple beneficiaries, attach a separate sheet. Sign the form and have your spouse sign the form if you are married and do not designate your spouse as beneficiary.

Your beneficiary designation is subject to the governing statutes and rules and regulations established by the Board of Trustees of the ND Teachers' Fund For Retirement. The acceptance of this designation does not establish that a survivor benefit will be payable. Whether or not a benefit is payable and the amount thereof, will be determined at the time of death under laws and regulations then applicable.

THIS DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY REVOKES ANY PRIOR FORM. PLEASE KEEP YOUR DESIGNATION CURRENT BY UPDATING YOUR BENEFICIARY IF YOU MARRY, DIVORCE, HAVE CHILDREN, OR IF YOUR SPOUSE OR OTHER BENEFICIARY DIES.

**Naming a Primary Beneficiary**

TFFR members should designate a beneficiary(ies) in writing for the purpose of directing payment of a claim due to a member's death.

If you are married, you must name your spouse as beneficiary or provide written spousal approval to name an alternate beneficiary. If you are not married, or if you have written spousal consent, you can name any person (up to 10), organization, church, or charity as beneficiary of your retirement account. However, if more than one beneficiary is named, they are not eligible to receive a monthly annuity for life. Also, if more than one person is named as beneficiary, they will share equally in the survivor benefit unless specific percentages are designated. If specific percentages are designated, they must equal 100 percent.

If you do not designate a beneficiary, death benefits (if any) will be paid to your surviving spouse; if none, to your surviving children; if none, to your estate.

**Naming a Contingent Beneficiary (Optional)**

Naming a contingent beneficiary(ies) is **OPTIONAL**. This section should only be completed if you do not wish survivor benefits to be paid in the order provided by state law (surviving spouse, surviving children, estate). Benefits will be paid to your contingent beneficiary only if your primary beneficiary is deceased.

**Death Benefits**

If a member's death occurs prior to retirement, the beneficiary/survivor of a nonvested member (less than three years of service credit) will be eligible for a refund of account value (assessments plus interest). Survivors of vested members (three or more years of service credit) will be eligible for: 1) refund of account value; or 2) monthly reduced annuity for life under 100% Joint and Survivor option (not available if more than one beneficiary is named); or 3) sixty monthly annuity payments equal to the member's Single Life Annuity without reduction for age.

If a member's death occurs after retirement, the death benefit your beneficiary/survivor receives (if any) is based on the plan you select at retirement.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE.